

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12 and 16-19 stand allowed, and claim 6-8 and 14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter and have amended the objected to claims into independent form. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 4, 9 and 14 as per the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

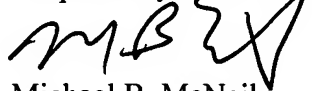
Claims 1-5, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Kanesaka. Applicants respectfully disagree since Kanesaka does not show exactly what Applicants have claimed, as required by the MPEP and relevant case law to support a §102 rejection. Nevertheless, Applicants have amended claim 1 to require an electronically controlled pressure control valve attached to the injector body. There should be no dispute that Kanesaka fails to show or suggest any such structure. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all of the outstanding §102(b) rejections against claims 1-5 be withdrawn.

With regard to claim 13, Applicants have amended that claim to make it clear that fuel is pressurized in the fuel pressurization chamber at least in part by actuating an electronically controlled pressure control valve. There should be no dispute that Kanesaka fails to show or suggest any such step in the method of operating its fuel injector. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §102(b) rejections against claims 13 and 15 be withdrawn.

A check in the amount of \$800.00 is included to cover the excess claim fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 500226.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1-19. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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